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In February 1953, the Chinese Communists were no longer mailing entry permits to persons in Hong Kong who had applied for entry onto the mainland from Hong Kong. Instead, the following procedure was being used: the applicant received a letter from his guarantor in China, informing him that his request for entry had been granted. This letter instructed the applicant to proceed to the Border Defense Bureau at Shench'uan (N 22-32, E 114-08)¹ where his entry permit would be forwarded. At Shench'uan the applicant was questioned and his baggage examined. If his answers were in conformity with the details on his entry application, he was given his entry permit and allowed to travel on into China.

☐ Comment. The purpose of this new procedure was to prevent the loss of entry permits by applicants and to ensure a more strict screening of persons entering China.

☐ Comment. For entry permit regulations in effect between the mainland and Hong Kong prior to 16 January 1953, ☐ did not specify at which point a traveler picked up his permit, however.

- ☐ Comment. ☐ discussed in some detail the inspection procedures conducted at Shench'uan for both north and southbound travelers in November 1952.

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